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## P. O. CHARGES NAME O. F. WEIS

HE SAYS THEY'RE FALSE.

Re's a Friend of Beavers and a Republican County Committeeman-Once Handled a Clerks' Legislative Fund, but Knows No Promotion Syndicate-More Denials

The Washington story of the operations in the Post Office Department of a "promotion syndicate," with a subordinate official under Postmaster Van Cott as its agent in the New York Post Office, has red up the office here from top to bot-The sensation was all the greater here because it is now admitted unofficially by some of the higher officers in the departthat there may be something in the

All in authority in the New York office still officially expressed the opinion yesterday that such a scheme for securing graft was indicated in the charges made in was indicated in the speak-washington was impossible. But, speaking privately and stipulating that their names should not be used, some officials admitted that they had grave suspicions that in the main the story that money had been used illegally to secure promotions

One man who holds high rank in Postmaster Van Cott's official family admitted that for some little time he has suspected that two men whose names have been mentioned in connection with the opera-tions of the "syndicate" have been con-cerned in promotions of Post Office em-

When the first reports about the sale of promotions at from \$25 to \$50 and a salary rontage were received on Thursday night the Post Office officials were greatly mystified as to the identity of the syndicate's alleged agent here. The name was given out at Washington as "Weil" and the despatches said that he was a superintendent of division in the New York office. There is no "Weil" in such a place But yesterday afternoon the news came from Washington that a mistake in the name had been made and that the name of the alleged agent was Weis.

Otto F. Weis, second assistant superintendent of the registry division, is the only person of that name who is an official of the New York Post Office. Mr. Weis lives at 334 East 155th street and is a member of the Republican County Committee for the Thirty-fifth district. When reporters asked him about the Washington charges he inquired carefully when the alleged collections of money for promotions were said to have been made. On being told that the Washington ad vices said they were recent, he said:

"I have never collected any money whatever for the purpose of having men prometed or under the pretence of getting them advanced, and I knew nothing of any so-called promotion syndicate. I personally have never collected a cent from any postal employee for any purpose, but up to a ittle over a year ago I was chairman of the egislation committee of the National Asso-plation of Post Office Clerks, and in that capacity I had a great deal to do with the money which was collected from members and sent to Washington to the association's representatives who were koking after our interests before Congress.

Since the Presidential order of Feb. 20, 1902, forbidding postal employees from attempting to influence legislation and threatening them with dismissal if they d, the association h of existence except as a beneficiary body. Since that time no collections have been made by the legislation committee, and I have had nothing to do with any collec-

tions of any kind." When Mr. Weis was asked if the fund collected was a corruption fund he said that the fund collected by the clerks' organization was never over \$1,500 and often der \$1,000. Although he did not actually collect any of the money, he said, he was the member of the committee who sent the morey to the association's representatives n Washington.

At one time, Mr. Weis said, Representa tive "Tim" Campbell was in charge of the association's interests at Washington, and at another time a lawyer known as "Jimmy" Davis had the job. As a result of the organization's efforts several laws had been passed by Congress bettering the conditions of the postal clerks. Among the benefits secured were paid substitutes during the clerks' fifteen-day vacations and a classification of clerks. Mr. Weis added emphatically:

"If anybody says that I had anything to do with this alleged 'syndicate' in the New York Post Office, he says what is untrue and false in every particular. I have known George W. Beavers, and some time ago we got up a memorial or thanksgiving cument to Mr. Beavers. We did this because we liked him, and it was supported by men in Brooklyn and in other places But that I, or Mr. Beavers, or anypogy else, had anything to do with any wrongdoing in the New York Post Office is untrue in every particular."

Weis has been in the New York Post Office since April 11, 1890. He has been second assistant superintendent of the registry division for about two years. Before that he was a clerk in the same division. Beavers, who recently resigned under pressure his b as superintendent of the salary and allowance division of the Post Office Department at Washington, from which the alleged "promotion syndicate" is said to we operated, was for a number of years head of the registry division here, and Weis was a clerk under him.

"If there is any crookedness in the New York Post Office," said Postmaster Van Cott yesterday, "I don't know it But I they'll investigate this office from top to bottom. If there is anything wrong, eaven only knows I want to know it. If there's a crook around here, I want to see

him caught, and the quicker the better. This story about a promotion syndicate strikes me as very strange, however. I den't see how it could have been worked, and I can't see how it could have operated on any such scale as the Washington despatches would seem to indicate. It is pesible, of course, that some one has imksed on gullible clerks by collecting money from them under the pretence that he could have their condition bettered; but under the system of promotions in vogue in the department at present any clerk giving op money for such a purpose would be very

According to Second Assistant Postmaster Edward S. Post, who as superintendent of the registry division is the immediate superior of Weis, the latter has harge of the records and correspondence

whatever to do with the promotions of men in that division or any other.

There was a report yesterday that Post Office inspectors from Washington were at work here trying to get evidence bearing on the scandal. If they were none of the local officials knew anything about them. Postmaster Van Cott and his assistants said that Washington detectives might be at work for all they knew, but if they were the local office would not be likely to hear about it. Mr. Van Cott said that he had had no official news from Washington about the alleged corruption, and at present there was nothing for him to do but to

Ervin H. Thorpe, Post Office inspector in charge of this department, and Inspectors Crowell and Little have been in Washington for the last three weeks working on the Post Office scandals Inspector Clum, who is in charge of the office temporarily, said last night that he did not know when Mr. Thorpe and his assistants would re-

George W. Beavers lives at Fiftieth street and Fifteenth avenue, Borough Park, Brooklyn. His wife said last night that he was out of town. He and his wife and two sons and two daughters live in a house that cost about \$20,000. The neighbors said that Mr. Beavers while a Post Office official lived modestly and apparently well within his salary of \$3,500 a year. He came here from Washington every second week on Friday and stayed until Monday.

WASHINGTON, April 10 .- Fourth Assistant Postmaster-General Bristow refuses to reveal the names of those who recently filed charges with the Department alleging the existence of a promotion syndi-cate. The Department officers say that the charges have not come from one person or from one source, but that substantially the same allegations have been made by a number of residents of New York. Acting Postmaster-General Wynne refuses to discuss the probable truth or falsity of the allegations, as the investigation at present being made has not progressed far enough to enable the officers to determine the accuracy of the various specifications. But he admits that they have

The Post Office Department's catalogue of scandal is growing to such a length and the cross fire of accusation and allegation has become so spirited that the most searching and thorough investigation will be necessary before it can be determined with any degree of accuracy just how much fact there is in the many charges of official misconduct that have been made against various officers of the postal service. There is no doubt that some of the allegations are the result of a desire in certain quarters to "get even" on account of past actual or fancied wrongs, and the work of separating this class of allegations from those based on actual and unexaggerated facts must

necessarily be a slow one.

Those who are in a position to know say that without doubt the affairs in one or more of the bureaus of the Post Office Department now under investigation have been conducted in a very high-handed manner and that the allegations of official misconduct will be substantlated by the result of the investigations. They believe, also, that there is considerably more such progress will develop this fact.

WIPES OUT 927 CHARTERS. New Jersey, Housecleaning, Purges Her-

self of Moribund Corporations. TRENTON, N. J., April 10 .- No important industrial corporations are included in dissolving the charters of 927 companies for non-payment to the State of the annual tax levied on corporations chartered by the Secretary of State. The proclamation which is just now coming out in pamphlet form was issued on Jan. 6.

Most of the corporations n ver got be youd the formative state. It is not uncommon for charters to be taken out before a company is more than nominally formed If nothing further comes of the proposition nothing is lost by the pro-moters except the filing fee which is only \$200 per \$1,000,000 of authorized capital, with a minimum fee of \$25. No taxes are paid and at the end of two years the charters are declared forfeited because of such non-payment

The number of charters voided by the Governor's proclamation is slightly larger than in former years, but this is because the number of charters is annually increasing. These proclamations are issued annually and are really a cleaning out of dead wood. There are about 8,000 companies in the State which pay their taxes annually. These are not affected by the proclamation.

JOSEPH PARK LEFT \$7,000,000. Nothing to Coachman Who Had Served Him for Half a Century

WHITE PLAINS, N. Y., April 10 .- According to the will of Joseph Park, which was filed with Surrogate Silkman at White Plains to-day, he divided, it is estimated, about \$7,000,000 among his relatives and friends. Much to the astonishment of his friends, Sam Brown, a colored coachman for Mr. Park for half a century, is not mentioned in the will. Brown had told his friends that he expected \$30,000. George C. Park, a son, is to have Whitby, the manor house at Rye, the Genin, Bradford and Tompkins farms, comprising about 3,000 acres, and \$500,000 worth of bonds of the Park & Tilford Company.

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For Maud Ives Park, a granddaughter, who has not yet attained her majority, \$100,000 is placed in the custody of the United States Trust Company until she is of age.

To his adopted daughter, Minnie C. Musgrave, wife of Robert Musgrave, Mr. Park gives \$10,000 outright, the life use of her home at Harrison, and the use of \$50,000, which is held in trust. Joseph Park, a nephew; Ella F. Lawrence Clarissa A. Wheaton and Elizabeth Purdy of White Plains are to receive \$10,000 each. The residue of the estate goes to his other son, Hobart J. Park.

The executors are Hobart J. Park, John R. Agnew and Robert W. Todd. The will is dated February 15, 1893, and the witnesses are Delos McCurdy of the Park Hotel, and J. R. Cuming of 204 West Forty-third street, New York.

MR. MORRIS WON'T RESIGN.

Reply of County Committee's President to a Story That He May Go to The Hague. President Robert C. Morris of the New York

County Committee said last night "There

is absolutely no truth in the report that I intend to resign as president of the Republican County Committee.

The story which Mr. Morris thus a tat rest was in effect that he might be appointed to represent this Gow immented The Hague, where the quistion of the priority of the claims of the allik d Powers against Venezuela is to be heard. There is as yet no definite information as to the intentions of President Roosevelt in the matter of the appointments. intend to resign as president of the Re-

## "GRAB BILLS" DEAD—BEDELL.

DON'T YOU BELIEVE IT, SAY COOPER UNION SPEAKERS.

Meeting Held to Denounce Franchise Measures Pending at Albany -John De Witt Warner Lands on the Governor -Resolutions to Be Sent to Odell

The first of a series of mass meetings to protest against the passage of the so-called grab bills" now pending at Albany was held in Cooper Union last night and was attended by a large crowed.

A mild sensation was caused at the meeting by Charles N. Chadwick of the Manufacturers' Association who read to the audience, which had already been told by half a dozen speakers that the Foley, Goodsell, Grady, L'Hommedieu, Wilcox, Bedell and Cadin bills were likely to become laws, a letter from Chairman Bedell of the Assembly Railroad Committee, the father of one of the bills, to the effect that ail of them were practically dead. This letter was written on Wednesday by Assemblyman Bedell and was in response to a protest from the Manufacturers' Association against the passage of the "grab bills" or the favorable consideration by the Railroad Committee of those still before it. The letter is in part as follows:

In relation to Bill 1741 (the Cadin bill), this committee will not act favorably upon it. In regard to Assembly bill 632, introduced by mys-lf, will say that this bill was long ago abandoned by me. In respect to Mr. Grady's bills, they have not received the attention of the Railroad Committee, nor has the bill of Mr. Foley. Mr. L'Hommedieu's bill will not be reported by this committee. Mr. Goodself's bill has never been before us for consideration.

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In spite of this letter the audience was told by a half dozen speakers that, far from being dead, the L'Hommedieu and Foley bills had both passed the Senate and were now on the order of third reading in the Assembly.

John DeWitt Warner, who presided at last night's meeting, made a flerce attack on the "grab" bills. He said in part:

It is the old story, this rich bed of grab blooms before me. Rural legislators are threatening to steal our local franchises from us. Where is the home rule that both of our great parties stand piedged to? Our Governor is well known to us. With his little finger he could have long since killed every one of these grabs. No one understands such matters better than he. Should any of them pass a stroke of his pen will kill them. Then why are we straid?

Is any one so innocent as to believe that the Goods: Il grab is made for the sisters and cousins of the Hon. Goodsell? Not a bit of it. We know very well that the bills to which our legislators tag their names are really procured by New York city financiers, who are the principals in the piracy we complain of. We also know that, generally sp. sking, these schemes are pressed on behalf of a single group of associated interests. This meeting to-night is, in fact, held to fight the standard Oil-Whitney-Belmont crowd, in its attempt to loot the city through Albany.

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A committee was appointed to hand all of the resolutions to Gov. Odell. The members of this committee are Robert Fulton Cutting, John De Witt Warner, Charles V. Fornes, William F. Stonebridge, Charles N. Chadwick, S. B. Donnelly, Railph Trautmann, Frank Moss, F. Norton Goddard and E. W. Bloomingdale.

WEDDING GIFTS IN NEWPORT. The Rev. W. B. Meenan to Marry R. C.

Vanderbilt and Miss Nells NEWPORT, R. I., April 10.-It was learned to-day that the Rev. William B. Meenan, pastor of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, will perform the ceremony uniting Miss Cathleen G. Neilson and Mr. Reginald C. Vanderbilt on Tuesday next. This decision was reached to-day and the announcement was officially made to-night.

The Rev. Father Meeran is a strikingly handsome man, six feet tall, with snow white hair. Last season he married Miss Sarah Van Alen and Mr. Robert Collier. It is likely that he will be assisted by the Rev. Father Deady.

Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt, accompanied by her daughter, Miss Gladys Vanderbilt, arrived at Newport this evening and they were driven at once to the Breakers, where they will remain until after the wedding. On Monday evening Mrs. Vanderbilt will give a large dinner in honor of the wedding

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Mr. Reginald C. Vanderbilt will join his mother at the Breakers to-morrow.

To-morrow Mrs. Alfred G. Vanderbilt will give A large luncheon at Oakland Farm in honor of Miss Neilson, when a number of the guests of the wedding will have arrived, including several of the attendants of the bride and groom.

There will be 160 guests at the wedding ceremony on Tuesday and all will remain for the breakfast and reception that will follow. For the wedding breakfast there will be two large tables, each seating sixteen guests, one the bride's table and the other for the family, and the guests will be seated at sixteen small tables.

Mrs. Frederick Neilson arrived from New York this morning, coming on the midnight train. With Mrs. Neilson came the wedding presents. They were taken to Arleigh and a special guard was placed over them. They will be shown at the wedding, after which they will be deposited in the vault at the bank.

Miss Neilson and Mr. Vanderbilt will visit the City Hall to-morrow and get their marriage license. They will have to pay a fee of \$1.

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The decorators will arrive from New York to-morrow and will begin the work of transforming Arleigh into a floral bower. Faster lilies will largely be used in the decorations. The orchestra will be stationed the bind a terrace of American Beauty roses.

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BOYS FIGHT A DUEL. Challenge Passes in the Street-One Boy

Will Probably Die. Eleven-year-old Michael Telasco, whose parents live at 2058 Broadway, Brooklyn, was shot and probably mortally wounded last evening by Joseph Gossang, 14 years old, a playmate who lives in the same house. A brother of Gossang took a revolver from him yesterday afternoon and gave it to Louis Von der Burg, another playmate who lives at 52 Jamaica avenue.

which the latter immediately recognized and demanded. After Gossang had receved it Telasco drew another revolver and told Gossang he was willing to match both weapons and see which was the better Gossang suggested a duel and both boys stepped fifteen feet away from each other. Gossang gave the order to fire. Telasco turned his head after stretching out his arm. Gossang fired first, the bullet striking

in his hand. Gossang ran into his house and hid in the cellar. The injured lad was taken in a dying condition to the Bushwick Central Hospital. Gossang was arrested and locked up in the Ralph avenue police station.

Telasco behind the right ear, entering the

head and coming out through the left cheek.

400 IN A FAMILY REUNION. President's Attention Will Be Called to This Utah Record.

SALT LAKE, Utah, April 10 .- The most unique family reunion ever held was celebrated here to-day by the Farr brothers. More than 400 direct descendants of three aged brothers, Lorin, Winslow and Aaron Farr, were present. Every trade and profession was represented by members of the family.

Lorin Farr is 83 years old. He has 315 children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, all alive. He declares that he can call the name of every one of these 315 descendants. The two other brothers have eighty-five or more descendants each. Winslow is 66 years and Aaron 85. All three are as chipper as young men and look younger than some of their sons. The Farr brothers are devout believers

families, and declare that their families are evidence that President Rooseyelt's race-suicide theory will not stand the test. The three brothers will present their record to the President when he comes here next month. There is not believed to be another case

in the Mormon doctrine of rearing large

on record of a man 89 years old having 315 living direct descendants. Brigham Young died twenty years ago and he now has 1,001 descendants.

WHITNEY WARS ON MOSQUITOES. Has Begun Work of Draining the Marshes

In Sheepshead District. William C. Whitney, at his summer racing home at Garretson's Creek, Sheepshead Bay, began yesterday the enormous task of reclaiming the vast territory of marshes in Jamaica Bay, Sheepshead Bay and the Coney Island and Sheepshead district. The plan includes draining the meadows, diking plan includes draining the meadows, diking after all. Officials of the Ordnance Bureau and clearing out pest holes for breeding did not care to express an opinion as to

Mr. Whitney has the support of the Board of Health. He will not attempt to reclaim all the territory alone, but it is understood that other interests have given assurance of cooperation, until complete extermination of the mosquito results.

The work now under way at Mr. Whitney's home, where it is proposed to improve the marshes of Jamaica Bay in the vicinity of Garretson's Creek, will affect a large area. Manhattan Beach, Brighton Beach, the Brooklyn and Coney Island Jockey Clubs and the Brighton Beach and Parkway Driving Club tracks will be benefited, as well as the summer resorts at Bergen Beach, Canarsie and Sheepshead Bay.

The scheme as laid out means severa years of work, with an immense outlay of capital. Mr. Whitney has engaged Henry Clay Weeks, who reclaimed the marsh at Center Island, Oyster Bay, and whose work is spoken of in the highest terms by the scientific experts of the United States Government.

ELEVATED AGENT HELD UP. Ticket Seller Attacked by Three Men and

Rebbed of \$6.10 He Says. Three men were locked up in the Fifth street police station last night on the charge of assaulting and robbing Samuel Goldstein, the ticket agent at the First street and First avenue station of the Scoone avenue elevated line. Goldstein says that the prisoners took \$6.10 from him.

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The three men went to the station about 8:15 o'clock, and after buying three tickst went on the platform. Pretty soon Goldstein heard a rumpus and yelled to J. J. Gundlach, the tickst chopper, to know what was the matter.

Gundlach shouted that three men were fighting. Goldst in left the small office where he sells tickst and went out on the platform. He told the three men to stop fighting, and one of them punched at him. Then the three attack dhim, he says, and he ran back through the waiting room and into his office, followed by the men. Goldst in says that one of the men kept punching him while the other two grabbed a number of nickels and tencent pices. About that time a train came into the station, and the ticket chopper told the motor man to blow his whistle for help. Policeman Dolan of the Fifth street station ran upstairs. When he got to the ticket office the three men had left and were hiding in the toilet room. Dolan got two other policemen, and the men were arrested.

They said they were George Gardner, of 221 East 125th street; William M. Beaumont of 967 East 135th street; and Thomas Carlow of 636 East 160th street, all dockbuilders. They pretended to be very drunk.

Senator Platt at Home Again.

Senator Platt returned last evening from Atlantic City and seemed to be in the best of health. He had nothing whatever to any about the political situation in the city. State or nation.

If a Krements One-Piece Collar Button gets "The 20th Century Limited"
New York Central's 20-hour train betwee
York and Chicago. Saves a day.—Adv. Scabnard Air Line Ratiway.

Change of schedule April 12. Leave New York, West 25d St., Penna. R. R., 12:10 midnight and 12:35 noon. Through service to Savannah, Jacksonville and Tampa; also to Atlanta with connections for the West and Southwest. Cafe dining car service. Office 1183 Broadway.—Ade.

IOWA OUT OF COMMISSION.

ORDERED TO THE NAVY YARD HERE FOR REPAIRS.

Three Decks Will Have to Be Rebuilt and Steel Supports Put Under Turrets Belgrade. May Affect Other Ships of the Navy.

PENSACOLA, Fla., April 10 .- So serious was the damage to the battleship Iowa While all the boys were playing marbles as a result of the explosion in the forward port 12-inch gun on Thursday afternoon that the vessel has been ordered out of last evening in front of 2058 Broadway. Von der Burg showed Gossang's revolver, commission and to the New York Navy Yard for repairs.

She moved from the anchorage off the city to-day to the navy yard, where she began taking on coal and supplies for the voyage, but will await more definite orders from the Department before proceeding. The three decks which were torn by the

tirely rebuilt, a new 12-inch gun mounted and new steel supports and braces placed under the forward turrets before the ship can again be placed in commission. A board of inquiry appointed by the commander-in-chief of the fleet is now examining into the cause of the explosion. It will report to the Admiral. Officers say He fell with his own revolver clasped tightly

that the gun which exploded was good for

service for at least twelve months, and they do not attribute the accident as being due to the weakness of the gun. Five hundred blue jackets and marines attended at the navy yard to-day the funerals of the three men killed. Admiral Higginson and his staff were also present. The wounded are reported as doing

nicely and all are out of danger. WASHINGTON, April 10 .- The following despatch was received at the Bureau of Navigation this morning from Rear Admiral Higginson at Pensacola, Fla.:

The Iowa's breech-loading rifle, 12-inch steel, burst in front of trumions. Three men were killed by accident and four men were slightly injured. The following were killed by accident: F. L. Berry, ordinary seaman, whose next of kin is Mrs. Hattie wilson of Las Vegas. N. M.; E. L. Pur-cell, landsman; next of kin, Mrs. Ellen Purcell, 483 N. Street N. W., Washington, D. C.; Walter F. Keile, seaman; next of kin, A. Moore, St. Charles, Mo. The following were slightly injured: G. Rothstein, coppersmith; I. O. Truesdell, landsman; Paul Gocht, quartermaster, first class; F. Tarrucker, gunner's mate, third class.

The gun in which the explosion occurred was designed in 1893 and made at the naval gun factory, Washington, in 1895, out of forgings supplied by the Bethlehem Steel Company. On Jan 1, 1903, the date of the last available report, the gun had been

fired 125 times.

If the inquiry which Admiral Higginson will institute should show that the wrecked will institute should show that the wrecked gun was weak, there will be an entire change in the battery of the Iowa, and in the batteries of the Indiana, the Massachusetts and the Oregon, vessels built previous to the Iowa. The Navy Department has intended for some time to remove the circular turrets on the three vessels of the Indiana class and replace them with these of the elliptical, or balanced, type. This will give an opportunity of replacing the turret guns now on these vessels with new guns.

guns.

Before the war with Spain it was said that big naval guns would stand only about 100 discharges in their lifetime. Experience in the war showed, however, that they were able to stand a greater strain than that imposed by firing them 100 times each. The wrecked 12-inch gun of the Iowa had been fired only 125 times up to Jan. 1, and naval officers were asking to-day whether the estimate of years ago was not correct, after all. Officials of the Ordnance Bureau did not care to express an opinion as to

stand.

The explosion opens up so many interesting questions that the Ordnance Bureau will make the fullest inquiry concerning it, independent of the investigation to fix it, independent responsibility.

BRIDEGROOM DISAPPEARS.

Bride-to-Be Told Guests to Enjoy Themselves and They Danced Until Morning. NYACK, April 10 .- What promised to be ne of the largest weddings ever witnessed

in Nyack was necessarily deferred last night by the disappearance of the prospective bridegroom an hour before the time for the ceremony. The bridegroom was Carl Schmidt, a baker here, and the bride-to-be was Bertha L. Frank, a fine-looking and popular Nyack woman. A large number of invitations had been issued for the wedding which was to take place in the Nyack Opera House at 8 o'clock. A handsome and costly wedding cake had been on exhibition for two days, and elaborate preparations were made for the wedding and the supper which

made for the wedding and the supper which was to follow.

Guests came from different villages in the county and a number from New York in the atternoon and early evening. The bridegroom was at the hail all day helping in the arrangements for the wedding, and in the early evening he told Miss Frank that he was going to the store to purchase a new hat. An hour later, the time for the ceremony, the bride became anxious about her prospective husband, who had not returned. Time went on and Schmidt did not appear, much to the surprise of the bride and the assembled guests. The bride showed her disappointment, but being more strongminded than the heroines of average love stories she did not become heart broken or faint.

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"Well," she remarked, "if he doesn't want to marry me he doesn't have to, and I am not going to cry about it, either."

After the woman was convinced that the man had gone for good, she told the guests to enjoy themselves. Supper was served, an orchestra played and the guests danced until an early hour this morning. Schmidt has not since been heard from and Miss Frank is wondering what she will do with the many wedding presents she has received.

SENATE'S BLIND CHAPLAIN DEAD The Rev. W. H. Milburn Passes Away at Santa Barbara. SANTA BARBARA, Cal., April 10 .-

Rev. William Henry Milburn, the blind chaplain of the United States Senate, died here to-day. He had been in peer health for some time and came here he ping that the mild climate would benefit him.

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The Rev. Dr. William H. Milburn was born in Philadelphia on Sept. 29, 1823. When he was 5 years old he lost completely the sight of one eye and partially that of the other. He was a hard student, however, and while working in a grocery store fitted himself for college. When he was 20 years old he was ordained a minister of the Methodist Church. Two years later he was appointed chaplain of the Twenty-ninth Congress, in the early part of President Polk's Administration. It was related at the time that some legislators who were travelling on a Mississippi boat heard him preach and were much impressed. In 1853 he was chosen chaplain of the Senate in the Thirty-third Congress, and in 1885, after an interval of thirty years, was reappointed chaplain in President Cleveland's Administration.

See Washington

PLOT TO KILL SERVIAN KING. Discovered in Time and a Number of Arrests Have Been Made.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. BUDAPEST. April 10.-It is stated that a plot to assassinate King Alexander of Servia on Sunday has been discovered in

-Finding in Case of the Explosion | A large number of arrests of persons charged with complicity in the plot have

VIOLATED ANTI-TRUST LAWS. Master Plumbers' Association of St. Louis Declared Illegal.

ST. LOUIS. Mo., April 10.-Acting in conformity with instructions from the St Louis Court of Appeals, Judge Horatio Hood of the Circuit Court held to-day that the Association of Master Plumbers of St. Louis was an illegal organization, that it was formed to maintain and monopolize the plumbing business in St. Louis with a pieces of shell and gun will have to be enview to fixing the price and restricting the sale of plumbing supplies to master plumbers only An order was made dissolving the association on the ground that the Association of Master Plumbers carried on usiness in restraint of trade.

The case in which the decision was made was that of John Walsh against the association. Walsh, not being a member of the association, was unable to procure supplies here and was compelled to get them from Chicago at a largely increased ex-

NO STRIKE ON ELEVATED. Employees' Union Accepts New Scale and Praises the Company.

The elevated railroad men's union held series of meetings yesterday afternoon and last night in Colonial Hall, 101st street and Columbus avenue, to consider a new scale of wages and to enroll members George E. Pepper, president of the union, said that as a result of a conference last week between representatives of the men and the Interborough Company a new scale of wages, going into effect on April 12, has been formulated by the company.

The wage scale, which is a little higher

than the present one, was accepted, and it was decided to stand out for the nine-hour workday President Pepper then said: "You can say positively that no strike is contemplated. Any one who says to the contrary must be trying to injure the union. The company has met us more than half way. Another conference over the nine-

hour workday will be held in the near future." NO WORD FROM ROOSEVELT. President Didn't Send Any Messages Out

of the Park Yesterday. CINNABAR, Mon., April 10.-The President did not send any messages out of the park to-day. He is travelling away from civilization into a country where it is esti-

mated that there are 20,000 elk. Secretary Loeb went to Fort Yellowstone. where he and a number of the folks of the Cinnabar colony were the guests of Man-ager Child of the Yellowstone Park Hotel and Transportation Company at a frying-pan luncheon of fresh-caught trout.

FIRE IN FLATIRON BUILDING Wrecks the "Cowcatcher" Show Window of the Cigar Store.

The "cowcatcher" of the Flatiron Building, as the triangular-shaped show window of the United Cigar Stores Company is mystery in any way, and he seemed to feel called, was dama noon as the result, it is thought, of poor insulation of wires connected with an electric motor which revolved a huge egg. part of the store's Easter display. In the egg were six rabbits and artificial lilies were arranged about it. There was little else in the window except an exhibit of

cigarettes. The blazing window attracted hundreds of folks to the building. A private alarm telephoned by an employee of the store called the firemen, and the reserves were sent from the Tenderloin police station to keep the crowd in control.

The firemen smashed the plate-glass windows and extinguished the flames. The rabbits were all killed.

The principal damage was to the ma-hogany fittings of the window, which are said to have cost \$3,000. Above the mahogany woodwork were some stained-glass decorative windows, which were destroyed The whole damage was put at \$5,000.

LIBEL BILL UP TO GOVERNOR. Pennsylvania House Passes the Grady Measure, 125 to 57.

HARRISBURG, Pa., April 10 .- The House of Representatives to-day took up and passed the Grady-Salus libel bill, which fectually throttles a free press. It was done with but a mild protest, which went

When the Salus bill was reached Mr. Salus moved to substitute for his bill the Grady Senate bill, thereby advancing the measure one day, and it was passed by a vote of 125 to 57. The Governor had it in his hands twenty minutes later.

WOMAN CIRCUS RIDER HURT. Two of Them Thrown in the Horse Race -Josephine Judge Laid Up.

The crowds at Madison Square Garden saw something yesterday afternoon that was not on the programme of the circus, but was none the kes exciting. It was a spill in the big horse race of the women The race went as usual until the

The race went as usual until the second lap, when, as the riders reached the Fourth as y nue end of the course, two horses collided and threw their riders, Mamie Sibon and Jos phine Judge. The former was not hurt, but her companion was dragged several feet and was knocked unconscious. She was carried to the dressing rooms and there it was found that she was not mortally hurt, as was at first feared, but had strained the muscles of her legs very badly. She will not be able to ride again for several days.

TIM CAMPBELL SINKING.

He Had a Relapse Yesterday and May Die at Any Minute. Tim Campbell, the East Side politician. who has been ill of pneumonia at his home, 14 Columbia street, had a relapse yesterday and was much werse last night. A doctor was with him mest of the day. It was said that he might not live through the

Ed Corey's Plous Day.

The Haymarket dance hall was closed last night. Ed Corey, who runs the resort always closes it on Good Friday night. It is the only night in the year on which he closes voluntarily.

## END OF THE PENNELL INQUEST

NOT SUFFICIENT EVIDENCE, COURT SAYS, OF SUICIDE.

He Therefore Pinds That Pennell's Beath Was Caused by a Crushed Skull-Pennell's Last Statement Read From the Stenographer's Copy-in It He Denies Things That Were Proved at the Burdick Inquest, and Protests His innecence of the Burdick Murder -Says Burdick Was Killed by a Woman He Invited to the House at Night-Pennell's Counsel Beny All Knewledge of Pennell's Alleged Defaleations.

BUFFALO, April 10 .- Some time in the civil courts the Burdick and Pennell cases may again be paraded, but so far as public justice is concerned they came to their end to-day. The inquest into the deaths of Arthur Reed Pennell and his wife, Carrie Lamb Pennell, was finished in a little more than two hours, and Justice Murphy, who presided, announced his findings without leaving the bench of the police court. He reported that he could not determine from the evidence whether the plunge into the quarry at Kensington a month ago to-day was accidental or designed. Possibly the companies in which Pennell was so heavily insured will try to settle that question

before a jury.

The inquest was not without results, for it produced the first draft of the statement on which Pennell labored with so much care after suspicion of the murder of Edwin L. Burdick was east upon him. This statement was read from a copy made by Pennell's stenographer.

Much of it shows Pennell to be a lier proven so by the testimony of the Burdick inquest, for he makes claims which even Mrs. Burdick, whom he loved, did not support. The statement reflects on Burdick's character and declares that he was killed by a woman he had invited to his house. Pennell, in writing it, evidently believed that the second-day theory of the police would stand forever, whereas there has never been any proof that Burdick had a woman visitor at night.

Pennell insists, as might have been exsected, that his relations with Mrs. Burdick were platonic and that he acted as her legal adviser. His statement that they never met in the Elliott Square office has been denied by Mrs. Burdick.

The completed draft of this last statement was taken from Pennell's office by his brother, J. Fred Pennell, the administrator of the estate, and could not be put in evidence because the brother was not at the inquest. There was no material difference in the draft, the stenographer said, and Attorney Thomas Penney, who was in court as a witness and as the lawyer for the estate, did not deny this.

Attorney Penney made the inquiry very lively, for he lost his temper while com-batting the course of the District Attorney and the Judge, and was all but put out of the room. That was while he was question the witness chair, he had a passage at arms with the District Attorney, in which Mr. Coatsworth, usually considerate of the feelings of all, told him it was not necessary for him to be a "Smart Aleck."

Mr. Coatsworth was not in the best of humor with Mr. Penney, who happens to have been his predecessor in office. His course in both inquests has been to bring out everything that bore on the Burdick that Mr. Penney was st professional dignity than became a go citizen. "I know you are a great fellow, he said to Penney with frosty scorn, and

Penney was pale with rage. Possibly the attitude of the Pennell estate toward the investigation was indicated by the remark of Peter Norton, when the members of the law firm of Norton, Penney & Sears entered the court room. Norton glanced at the newspaper men and remarked:

Penney, if they should ask you whom

you just killed, don't tell them. That eems to be the latest idea of evidence in this damned court." This was prudently said before Justice

Murphy, who weighs 240 pounds, entered Mr. Penney fought strenuously for the interests of his clients, and he did socomplish this, that no evidence to show that Pennell was a defaulter came out. That was the point on which J. Fred Pennell was to be questioned, but Mr. Pennel was as far away as Bowdoinham, Me. safe from the touch of a subpoens, and Justice Murphy appeared to believe that

the matter was not very material to the purpose of the inquest. The District Attorney stood ready to take up the charge that Pennell had been a swindler, on the ground that it would pre-vide a motive for suicide. He had been requested by the Court to conduct the examination of all the witnesses, and he was ready to wait until Christmas, if need be,

to get out the last word. Aside from the Pennell statement the inquest developed little that bore on the Burdick murder. Mr. Penney swore that he had no knowledge of any papers bearing on the Burdicks or the Burdick case. On all other matters of the estate he claimed privilege. Pennell's close friend and lawyer. Wallace Thayer, swore that he could throw

no light on the murder. The witnesses to the Pennell tragedy had stories that have already been told in THE SUN, and it could not be said, when all had been heard, that the Judge could give a verdict other than the one with which he closed the orlebrated case. The motive was there, Justice Murphy said, as he had said there was motive for Pennell to murder Burdick, but in this case, as in the other, opportunity and motive do not constitute legal évidence.

THE INQUEST BROWN.

The audience in the police court was almost as large as on the days of the Burdick inquiry. District Attorney Coatsworth arrived at 3 o'clock. Attorney Penney took a chair near Mr. Coatsworth. He was present not only as a witness, but as attorney for the Pennell estate. Behind him sat his law partners, Peter Norten and Mr. Sears, and during the examination they acted as counsel for Mr. Penney. Justice Murphy reached court at 8:100'clock Dr. Daner, the medical examiner, described the condition of the bodies of Mr. and Mrs. Pennell as he found them in the

quarry at Kensington. The rumpus began with the next witness.

A Well-Groomed Railread.

The physical condition of the Pennsylvania Railroad is as carefully guarded as that of the most
famous racer.—Adv.